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CANTILEVER WITH REFLECTIVE STRUCTURE

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION
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Sir:

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Please note that the first declaration contains one of two inventor's signatures'. The second Declaration contains the second inventor's signature.

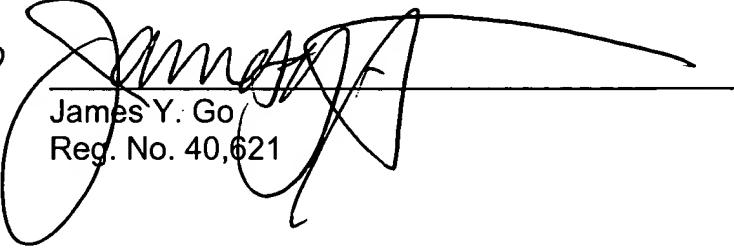
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